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SUPERINTENDENT FORBES.

Vague rumors are flying around that there will be a fight in the legislature against one of Governor Pinkham's appointees, Superintendent of Public Works Charles R. Forbes.

Mr. Forbes should be confirmed. No occupant of the office has ever worked harder than he works, few as hard. None has been more impartial. He is technically equipped for the duties of the office and he is a dynamo of industry, besides possessing plenty of common sense and being a man of ideas and initiative. The appointment was a good one and for the best interests of the territory should be upheld.

THE PRICE HE PAYS.

Benjamin Sinton has gone to prison for fifteen years at hard labor.

His crime was the murder of a fellow-soldier in a fit of drunken rage. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Ashford.

A man with a good record as a soldier, Sinton wrecked his life when booze had mastered him. In passing sentence Judge Ashford made a statement that well deserves publication throughout the territory. Addressing the prisoner, he said:

"Now, with reference to yourself. Your record has been a good one. You have reached the age, I understand, of 36 years. That, certainly, ought to bring you to time of discretion. After four honorable discharges and discharges from the United States army you have enlisted for the fifth time, and were still making a good record when, for some devil's reason that nobody can explain, perhaps, and least of all yourself, you go and fill your stomach with cheap and vile and vicious liquor, that very soon communicates its evil influences to the brain. You pour liquor down your throat to steal away your brains. You are old enough to know better.

"But there is another side to it, and that has been touched upon by your counsel; that is, the facilities provided by the government, if you please, by the government—facilities provided and thrown open to you and inviting you, at almost any city block, to walk in there and make a brute and a lunatic and a maniac of yourself—to walk in there, and for a few pence to part with your reason, to leave your reason and your discretion behind, and to take upon yourself the character of a brute and a lunatic and a maniac.

"The choice facilities, as I have remarked, are furnished to you by the government, our paternal government, the very object of whose existence is supposed to be the welfare of the citizen. This is the way the government has contributed to your welfare. The government will take the money of the persons desiring the privilege of making drunkards and brutes and assassins and thieves and murderers; it will take that money, and in exchange will grant that person a license to make drunkards and thieves and brutes and assassins and murderers; and having gotten that money will use it, perhaps, for the building of jails and prisons in which to incarcerate these very people who have been made criminals by the licensees of the government, which is the most absolutely illogical thing I can think of in connection with government—that government, for a fee of some dirty dollars, should license others to transform the honest, sober, law-abiding citizen into a crazy assassin; and yet such is the fact.

"Still, the law imposes upon this court the obligation to impose upon you a sentence of imprisonment for this crime that you have committed—a crime committed, not in your sane senses, but a crime committed as the result of that maniacal condition that was brought about by the sale to you of this infernal alcoholic poison, which was sold or furnished to you by the licensees of the government, who paid the government a fee for that privilege. Notwithstanding all these inconsistencies and illogical condition, however, here you are at last and here is one of the results of this policy of government—one of its estimable and useful citizens, as a result of this policy, now stands convicted, upon his own confession at this bar, of having unjustifiably taken the life of a fellow citizen.

"Nothing that I can do and nothing that you can do will bring back that life; it is gone forever and is past recall. No remorse of yours will reclaim a state of life; no remorse of yours will alleviate the suffering of his mother, his father, his brothers and sisters."

Judge Ashford's words are significantly true. Government is after all a result of the sum total of the acts of the governed. Society is deeply responsible for this drunken murder and for the pitiable man who must serve the rest of his active life in jail.

Society permits, laws approve, the selling of liquor that robs men of their reason. But day by day the entrenchment of King Booze behind the law is being swept away.

George R. Carter betrayed no confidence when he told the New York Times that the Hawaiian sugar industry had benefited by the European war.

A BUSINESSMAN'S SUGGESTION.

A businessman of Honolulu makes the following suggestion:

"Tourists who arrive here, say from the Orient, late in the afternoon, with a letter of credit but little ready cash are unable to get any spending-money because it is practically impossible to secure it on their credit letters. I would suggest that one of the banks arrange to handle this kind of business. It would be a great convenience to travellers and Honolulu merchants would reap the benefits."

This is something the Chamber of Commerce might consider.

FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IT.

For people who take stock in this sort of thing—to paraphrase one of Lincoln's sage reflections—the following item from McClure's syndicate "horoscope" of February 4 is the sort of thing that will tickle their morbid fancies:

"Peril to the interests of the United States in the Orient is indicated so distinctly that the seers prophesy trouble in Hawaii as well as the Philippines. Naval activity in the Pacific is predicted before spring."

WHAT HENRY CLEWS SAYS.

"In spite of world-wide uncertainty, business affairs in the United States display continued recuperative tendencies. The improvement is slow, too slow to satisfy American optimism, but each week shows a distinct gain, both of sentiment and in the volume of trade. It is well perhaps that the gain is slow, inasmuch as it will thus prove more permanent, while premature convalescence would surely invite unpleasant setbacks."

Congress is going to start another "insidious lobby" probe. This time the poor old Ship Trust is in for an investigation. Last time it was the Sugar Trust, which was accused of trying to block "free sugar" until some unusually bright Democrat discovered that the sugar trust was mighty anxious to see free sugar legislation enacted, since the refiners were going to reap the benefit. So the people who went to Washington to see if a disaster to their sugar-producing industry could be averted were probed fore and aft. Among them was George R. Carter. Mr. Carter is conveniently on the mainland now and as he is just as deeply implicated in the shipping trust as he is in the sugar trust, he ought to be called up and cross-questioned.

News from Washington is that Delegate Kahio is working hard to get the Honolulu harbor appropriation of \$200,000 tacked to the rivers and harbors bill but the economy program of the administration leaders makes the success of his efforts doubtful.

What Prince von Buelow is prepared to offer for Italy's aid in the war is none too great a price. Once in the terrible conflict, Italy is quite likely to repent the day she abandoned neutrality.

If the Carnival management really wants a battle between the Joys and Glooms, there are some mighty ripe pessimists available in this town.

Lloyd-George says Britain can finance a war such as this for five years. How long can flesh and blood endure the strain on the battle-lines?

The only improvement that might be made on Gen. von Hindenburg's fighting would be to have him on both fronts at once.

Building castles in the air is less popular than it used to be before the days of military Zeppelins and airship battles.

Personal Mention

J. D. McVEIGH, superintendent of the leper settlement at Molokai, spent two days here on business.

H. BURKHARDT, a silk exporter of Shanghai, is proceeding to New York in the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru.

DR. S. KOBAYASHI, a local physician, returned from an extended vacation spent in Japan in the steamer Tenyo Maru.

K. KIJIMA, Japanese consular representative at Lyons, France, is a through passenger in the liner Tenyo Maru to San Francisco.

MAX GREENBAUGH, commission merchant, left this afternoon on the Lurline on a buying trip to New York. He will be gone five months.

A. W. T. BOTTOMLEY has completed a business and pleasure trip to the mainland, returning to the city in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina today.

H. BENNETT NEWCOMB, formerly with the Y. M. C. A., has taken a position in the real estate department of the Waterhouse Trust Company.

C. KINGCOME, with the British firm of Smith, Bell & Co., of the Philipines, is proceeding to London in the Tenyo Maru. He is expecting to join the colors.

J. H. WHALAY, representing a mainland oil corporation, is returning from an inspection tour of Japan and China, as a passenger in the liner Tenyo Maru.

JUDGE A. R. HEYWOOD of Ogden, Utah, was numbered with the tourists brought to the islands in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina. Mrs. Heywood accompanies him.

BISHOP E. H. HUGHES of the Methodist Episcopal church is a visitor to Honolulu in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina. He will remain in the islands some weeks.

DR. W. C. BILLINGS, identified with the federal quarantine service, is returning to the mainland in the Tenyo Maru. Dr. Billings has visited the Orient, spending some time at Manila.

W. J. HORSTMANN, representing a fertilizer manufacturing company on the Pacific coast, arrived in the steamer Wilhelmina this morning. He will tour the islands before returning to San Francisco.

H. E. THOMAS, a Kobe businessman, accompanied by his bride, will spend some weeks in touring the islands before resuming the journey to the mainland. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas arrived on the Tenyo Maru.

ELBERT P. TUTTLE, son of Guy A. Tuttle and a graduate from Punahoa academy, has been elected freshman associate editor of the Cornell Daily News, according to a letter received yesterday by his father.

GUSTAV SCHUMAN of the Schuman Carriage company is expected to return to Honolulu in the Manoa next Tuesday. The Manoa also will bring a shipment of mules purchased by Mr. Schuman in Nevada and northern California.

MR. and MRS. J. W. GILLETTE, Misses Mary and Ruth Gillette, en route to Brisbane, Queensland, are passengers in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina. Mr. Gillette will take over his duties as constructor of a new street railway line.

JOHN ELITS, civil engineer and architect of Tientsin, accompanied by Mrs. Elits, were through passengers in the Tenyo Maru yesterday on their way to the mainland. They experienced considerable difficulty in leaving China at the beginning of the war.

ELDER SAMUEL E. WOOLLEY of the Mormon church has been at the semi-annual conference held at Salt Lake, Utah. He returned to the islands today in the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina. Mr. Woolley visited at Ogden and other western cities.

CHARLES N. MARQUEZ, president of the Office Supply Company, will act as secretary to Mayor Lane during the session of the legislature. Edward Woodward, now filling that position, has been granted a "vacation" that he may serve as clerk to the house of representatives. Mr. Marquez will commence his new duties tomorrow.

J. B. HOLOHAN, United States marshal for the northern district of California and Mrs. Holoohan, who arrived in Honolulu in the Wilhelmina this morning, were to be the guests of

Carnival Moves Poets to Songs of Fair Hawaii

The editor's mail this morning included the two following poems:

HAWAIIAN CARNIVAL SONG.

(Original poem by an appreciative reader.)
Honolulu land of radiance and beauty,
With skies of softest and rarest hue,
Sweetest fragrance, golden fancies,
Balmly sunshine,
And dainty flowerets and waters blue.
In the evening as the shadows slowly gather,
The glowing twilight bringing visions fair,
Nature's treasure store is open to our vision,
The world is brightest and fairest there.

CHORUS.
Sweet Honolulu, fair Honolulu,
My heart's aloha to thee I give,
Awake or dreaming, thy shores are gleaming,
Thy sweetest memories will ever live.

Honolulu's balmy breezes always blowing,
The sun is shining o'er stately palm,
Shedding radiance with a sweetness most enchanting,
O'er rarest verdure and waters calm,
Garlanded crags and lofty mountains all enrapture,
Fond beauty lavished sweetly o'er the plain,
Palms and hau trees drowsing gently by the water,
Their voices calling me there again.

WARNING TO THE WEATHER.
Oh, Jupiter Pluvius, what do you mean?
Such wet, chilly weather we never have seen:
On these blessed isles, where all nature smiles,
Where the sun ever glows on the blossoming rose,
And mild breezes caress, you will make a sad mess
Of our Carnival week if you don't stop the leak.

Bright flags will all fade; we'll have no masquerade
On the gay Palace ground no crowd will be found;
Our soldiers' parade will perform be delayed;
Our pageant so quaint will prove a mere feint.
Then, dear Jupiter, pray, remember the day—
It is Washington's fete, so don't liquidate.

—Anonymous.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

L. W. PRATT: I see they are introducing "jarwalker lanes" in San Francisco, and I think we ought to do the same here. That is, there ought to be an ordinance providing that anybody who crosses the street in the middle of the block or diagonally at crossings does so at his own risk. Any automobilist will tell you of the palpitations he has when some woman darts out across Fort street from behind a machine in the middle of the block. The street is too narrow to get much of a swing and you just trust to brakes and luck.

ALEXANDER HUME FORD: There are possibly two other visions of ever-changing beauty in this world that will compare with the view of Waimea canyon from the peak of Puukope. One is the view from McKinnon's Pass in New Zealand, looking down into the floating clouds of Clinton gorge on one side and back on the other hand to the highest waterfall in the world, and the great Milford Sound region with its ever snow-capped mountain peaks. At Haleakala, sunrise, with its floating clouds that change from crimson to purple and gold and fleecy white, forms an ever-changing motion panorama that never can be forgotten. The ever-changing picture of Waimea canyon, however, is more gloriously colored than either of these.

NO DRILL FOR COMPANY H. N. G. H., THIS EVENING

The regular Tuesday drill of Company H, 1st Inf., N. G. H., has been called off for this evening. There will be no assembly for the company until next Monday morning, February 22, at 7:30 for the Washington's birthday parade.

United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy this afternoon on an automobile tour about the island. Mr. and Mrs. Holoohan will go to Hilo in the Wilhelmina and visit the volcano.

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Arraignment in federal court of Frederico Capistani, alias Fred Belmont, a member of the local detective force indicted by the federal grand jury on a statutory charge, and the woman in the case has been continued until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Both defendants will enter plea at that time.

Nakai and seven other Japanese

today withdrew their appeals from the verdict of the district court, which fined them for being present at a gambling game. The appeals of four other members of the party, who were not present in court, were dismissed. The case of Clement Akaka, also one of the gaming party, was nolle prossed, as he had consented to appear against his fellows if the case were brought to trial.

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TO FIGHT LAW AGAINST SOLICITING ON WHARVES

Charged with soliciting business on local wharves, eight men were brought before District Magistrate Monsarrat today. Hearing on their cases was postponed until tomorrow. It is said that the defendants will fight the new law which prohibits laundries, hotel runners, chauffeurs and others from entering or approaching the wharves while a steamer is berthed there.

The regular meeting of the members of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m. in the chamber rooms, Kahehau building. This meeting will take up the report of the agriculture committee.

BAIRD BRINGS OPIUM TAKEN IN HILO RAID

Byron K. Baird, deputy collector of customs at Hilo, arrived in Honolulu today with 30 tins of opium which he turned over to the local customs officials. The opium was taken on a recent raid in the Crescent City, which resulted in the arrest of Lee Tip, a Chinese, whose case is believed to have been investigated this morning by the federal grand jury.

The Inter-Church Federation Council will meet tomorrow at 12:30 in Cooke hall at the Y. M. C. A. There will be several important questions for discussion, among them being the matter of the invitation to Billy Sunday.

HARBOR BOARD TAKES UP SOLICITING REGULATIONS

Regulations for handling baggage agents, hotel clerks, porters, hackmen and chauffeurs were discussed by the harbor commission at length at its meeting this morning, no action being taken today, however. The subject was taken under advisement and rules may be forthcoming later. A number of representatives of the baggage and transfer companies and hotels were present to give their views on methods of affording greater convenience to travelers and all were heard. The remainder of the board's time was given to routine business.

The American Steel & Wire Co., has blown in another furnace at Donora, Pa.